अमरीकी विदेश विभाग के सरकारी प्रवक्ता ने बाद में यह कहा था कि कश्मीर के संबंध में अमरीकी राष्ट्रपति ने जो उल्लेख किया था वह "संसार की उन जगहों पर रोशनी डालने की एक शाब्दिक युक्तिमात्र थी जहां गड़बड़ी है। इसे अधिक से अधिक गलत चित्रण ही कहा जा सकता है।"

Road accidents in Delhi

*87. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large number of road accidents in Delhi during the current year;

(b) what are the reasons for this abnormal increase in accidents; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to reduce the road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement, indicating the steps already taken and proposed to be taken by Transport Department, Delhi and Delhi Police for reducing road accidents in Delhi, is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Statement

Road accidents in Delhi

Steps taken/being taken to reduce accidents in Delhi

The following steps have been taken by STA, Delhi and Delhi Police to reduce the accidents.

1. Refresher Courses for the drivers of the public service buses were started in November, 1992. The drivers of the buses were subjected to proficiency test. 1080 drivers have been given refresher courses/passed proficiency test at Govt. Motor Driving Training School of Transport Department till August, 1993.

2. The Transport Department, Delhi has set up a complaint cell and 117 permits of buses including 82 permits of Red Line buses were suspended/cancelled between the period April, 1993 to November, 1993 which were involved in road accidents. In addition, 17 permits of Red Line buses were sospended/cancelled on account of complaints for not following the time schedule and route violation including misbehaviour. In addition to discipline the drivers, Delhi Traffic Police prosecuted 65972 Red Line bus drivers for various offences from 1-1-1993 to 30.10.1993. 22,000 prosecutions were made by the Transport Department upto August, 1993 against Red Line buses. In 2982 cases of over-speeding of Red line buses were impounded during 1.10.92 to 31.8.1993.

3. Measures have also been taken by Transport Department to ensure strict comliance of provisions of Motor vehicle Act with regard to issue of driving licences as well as fitness of the vehicles.

The Delhi Police have also taken following steps to check the accidents.

(i) Strict and rigid anforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

(ii) Organising special drives against rush and negligent driving, driving without licence, drunken driving and red light jumping etc.

(iii) Regular prosecution of violator by issue of notice.

(iv) Introduction of traffic signals/Blinkers in accident prone area.

(v) Deployment of more traffic policemen in accident prone area.

(vi) Special mobile checking on National Highways.

(vii) Prosecution through most modern equipment i.e. Alcometer and Radar Gun.